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September 6, 1966.

The Honourable Justice George A. McGillivray,
Commissioner,
The Royal Commission on the Workmen's Compensation Act,
Box 202, Parliament Buildings,
TORONTO 2, Ontario.

Sir:

CANADIAN TEXTILES INSTITUTE

- (1) Canadian Textiles Institute appreciates this opportunity to address a submission to you concerning the Workmen's Compensation Act of Ontario and compliments the Government of Ontario for its foresight in ensuring that this important Act is reviewed from time to time with the parties concerned.
- (2) Canadian Textiles Institute is a non-profit organization of primary textile manufacturers. Founded in 1935, it represents members of the Canadian Carpet Institute, Cotton Institute of Canada, Knitters Association of Canada, Man-Made Textiles Association and the Wool Textile Association of Canada.
- (3) TEXTILES IN ONTARIO
During the calendar year 1965, employment in the primary textiles industry in Ontario increased at a faster rate than the average of other manufacturing industries. From January through December 1965 employment in the textiles industry increased by 10.8% while the average increase in all other Ontario manufacturing industries during the same period was only 6.6%.

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The estimated annual output of Ontario textile mills is nearly \$500 million or forty per cent (40%) of the corresponding Canadian total. As the representatives of this important segment of the Ontario economy, the Institute is pleased to submit to you its views and recommendations.

- (4) The Institute has carefully studied the submission made to the Royal Commission by the Ontario Division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The opinions expressed therein appear to be in agreement with the views of our Ontario members. Therefore, in the interests of brevity and to save the valuable time of the Commission, the Institute is pleased to endorse the said views and recommendations.
- (5) The Institute would reiterate that it is extremely important to keep sharply in focus the purpose of the Workmen's Compensation Act which is so admirably expressed by the Honourable Mr. Justice W. D. Roach (as he was then) in his Report on the Workmen's Compensation Act in 1950.
- (6) Canadian Textiles Institute wishes to assure the Commission of its complete co-operation at all times. It will be pleased to clarify or enlarge upon the above submissions if so requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Industrial Relations

